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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER ENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE RINSCHE1 TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) 0894 Assigned **CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371** PRIORITY CLAIMED INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. February 26, 2004 August 11, 2004 PCT/EP2004/008967 TITLE OF INVENTION LOOSELY LAID NATURAL STONE PANEL FLOOR APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US **Heiner RINSCHE** Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information: 1. [X] This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. [] This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. [X] This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) as soon as the application is in order for such purpose and the applicable requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371(c) have been complied with. 4. [] The US has been elected (Art 31). 5. [X] A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. [] is attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [X] has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. [X] An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. [X] is attached hereto. b. [] has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. [X] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. [] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. [] have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. [] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. [X] have not been made and will not be made. 8. [X] An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. [] An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. [] An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included: 11. [] An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. [] An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. [] A FIRST preliminary amendment. 14. [] An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. [] A substitute specification. 16. [] A change of power of attorney and/or address letter. 17. [] A computer-readable sequence form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. 18. [] A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4) 20. [X] Other items or information: [X] Courtesy copy of the first page of the International Publication (WO 2005/085550 A1). [X] The application is (or will be) assigned to: Natursteinwerk Rinsche GmbH whose address is Grabbenweg 1, 59609 Anrochte, Germany. [X] The benefit under 35 USC §119 is claimed of the filing date of: Application No. 20 2004 002 966.9 in Germany on February 26, 2004, which is hereby incorporated by reference

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accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =							\$150.00	
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b. [X] Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038), authorizing payment in the amount of \$150.00, is attached.								
c. [] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees.								
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
Handling of Fee Deficiencies (check one only)								
[] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.								
[X] If a deficiency exist in the basic national fee set by 37 CFR 1.492(a), please charge it to Deposit Account 02-4035. At this time, no authorization is given to charge any other fees.								
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.								
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